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SENATOR NELL SOTO GOES TO D.C. TO LOOK FOR ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST FUNDING

\$500 Million Still Needed to Complete Grade Separation Projects

Sacramento – Recent studies from regional planning agencies, such as Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Southern California Association of Governments and San Bernardino Associated Governments, show that the opening of the Alameda Corridor will have a negative impact on the Inland Empire if grade separations are not completed soon. As a result, Senator Nell Soto (D-Pomona), headed to Washington, D.C. to meet with congressional representatives in hopes of securing federal funding for the completion of the Alameda Corridor East.

“I am determined to get this project completed in a reasonable amount of time,” claims Soto. “With the opening of the Alameda Corridor in Los Angeles, it is only a matter of time before we feel the impact here in the Inland Empire. I had fruitful conversations with our representatives and I feel confident we will get help from Washington.”

Senator Soto met with Representatives David Dreier (R-Covina), Grace Napolitano (D-Montebello) and Diane Watson (D-LA) during her two-day visit to Washington D.C. this week. Soto also made contact with California Senator Barbara Boxer and Congresswoman Hilda Solis (D-El Monte).

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) released the latest figures depicting what has been funded in the project, and what is remaining:

	Total Cost
• Six fully funded grade separation projects under development or construction:	\$99.08 million
• Ten highest priority unfunded grade Separation projects:	\$179.02 million
• 18 second priority unfunded grade separation projects:	\$238.63 million
Total Program Cost:	\$516.73 million
Funded Portion of Program:	<u>-99.08 million</u>
Unfunded Portion of Program:	\$417.65 million

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Unfunded Highest Priority Grade Separation Projects

Total Estimated Cost: \$179.02 million

- Vineyard Avenue, Ontario (Alhambra Line)
- Lenwood, San Bernardino County (Cajon Line)
- Palm Avenue, San Bernardino County (Cajon Line)
- Glen Helen Parkway, San Bernardino County (Cajon Line)
- Vista, San Bernardino County (Cajon Line)
- Campus Avenue, Ontario (Los Angeles Line)
- Milliken Avenue, Ontario (Los Angeles Line)
- Archibald Avenue, Ontario (Los Angeles Line)
- Laurel Street, Colton (San Bernardino Line)
- Valley Blvd., Colton (San Bernardino Line)

Unfunded Second Priority Projects

Total Estimated Cost: \$238.63

- Olive Street, Colton (San Bernardino Line, grade separation)
- Main Street, Grand Terrace, (San Bernardino Line, grade separation)
- Beaumont Avenue, Loma Linda (Yuma Line, grade separation)
- Alessandro Road, Redlands (Yuma Line, grade separation)
- Bon View Avenue, Ontario (Los Angeles Line, grade separation)
- San Antonio Avenue, Ontario (Los Angeles Line, grade separation)
- Sultana Avenue, Ontario (Los Angeles Line, grade separation)
- Vine Avenue, Ontario (Los Angeles Line, grade separation)
- Vineyard Avenue, Ontario (Los Angeles Line, grade separation)
- Hinkley, San Bernardino County (Cajon Line, grade separation)
- Ranchero Road, San Bernardino County (Cutoff Line, grade separation)
- San Timoteo Road, Redlands (Yuma Line, roadway widening)
- Phelan, San Bernardino County (Cutoff Line, roadway widening)
- E Street, Colton (San Bernardino Line, safety improvement)
- H Street, Colton (San Bernardino Line, safety improvement)
- Whittier Avenue, Loma Linda (Yuma Line, safety improvement)
- Indian Trail, San Bernardino County (Cajon Line, safety improvement)
- Johnson Road, San Bernardino County (Cutoff Line, safety improvement)

Because of the conversations with Congressman Dreier, Soto came away confident that more effort would be put into obtaining the funding for Alameda Corridor East. Soto will be sponsoring a Transportation Summit in June to discuss the status of transportation projects and funding in the Inland Empire.

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